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THEREWITH**

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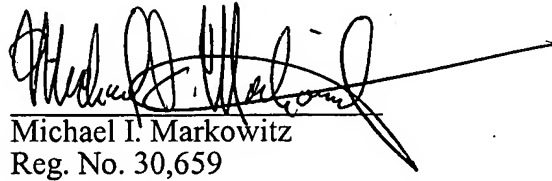
SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed on September 24, 2004, the period for responding thereto having been set to expire after October 24, 2004, Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-13, for prosecution at this time. In addition, Applicants elect the nitrogen-containing heterocyclic compound in claim 1 and imidazole or its derivative as defined in claim 5.

Applicants reserve the right to file continuing application(s) based on claim 14, and the species not elected above in claims 1-13. Early examination on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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